

## Great Books

This activity accompanies “The End of the Chapter,” from *The Complete Poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar* by Paul Laurence Dunbar, record number 5097.

**Activity Title:** Great Books

**Description:** The students will write a poem about their favorite book, and how it made them feel.

**Subject:** Reading/Language Arts

**Skill:** Writing

**Behavioral Objective:**

- The student will write a poem about their favorite book, and how it made them feel.

**Materials:**

- “The End of the Chapter” poem, available in audio and print form at <http://etc.usf.edu/lit2go/>
- Paper and pencil

**Procedures:**

Read the poem with the students, or have them read it on their own. Discuss with the students how sometimes books influence us and affect us, as Dunbar writes about in his poem. Next, have the students choose their favorite book, and write a poem about it. In their poem, have them include why the book was their favorite, how the book made them feel, and how they felt when they were finished reading it. When the students are finished, have them share their poems with the class.

**Alternative Procedures:**

You can have the students complete the same activity as mentioned above, but give it in a book report format.

